

REMARKS

Claim 64 is currently amended. It is respectfully submitted that the present amendment presents no new issues or new matter and places this case in condition for allowance. Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and the following remarks is requested.

I: **Objection to Claim 64**

Claim 64 was objected to as being unclear. The claim is amended so that it is clear. Reconsideration is urged.

II. **Rejection of Claims 64-95 under the Doctrine of Obviousness-Type Double Patenting**

Claims 64-95 are rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-16 of U.S. Patent No. 6,218,170 and claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,060,442. Claims 64, 71 and 75 are rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-18 of U.S. Patent No. 5,770,419. Claims 64 and 71 are rejected under the doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,277,611.

In order to advance prosecution, Applicants enclose a Terminal Disclaimer Under 37 CFR 1.321 disclaiming the terminal portion of any patent granted on the above-identified application which would extend beyond the expiration date of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,218,170, 6,060,442, 5,770,419 and 6,277,611. Accordingly the rejection is moot. Reconsideration is urged.

III. **Rejection of Claims 64-95 under 35 U.S.C. § 103**

Claims 64-95 were alternatively rejected as obvious in light of U.S. Patent No. 6,218,170 to Svendsen (hereinafter simply referred to as Svendsen I) and U.S. Patent No. 6,060,442 to Svendsen (hereinafter simply referred to as Svendsen II)

The present disclosure is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/396,260 filed on September 15, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,184,045, which is a divisional application of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/032,315, filed on February 27, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 5,985,818. Further, the present application claims priority

under 35 U.S.C. 119 of Danish Application No. 0222/97 filed February 28, 1997¹. Thus, the present disclosure is entitled to the priority date of **February 28, 1997**. As Svendsen I and Svendsen II have a priority date on the same day as Applicants' priority date Svendsen I and Svendsen II are not prior art suitable for citing under 35 U.S.C. § 103.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that the claims overcome these rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 103. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that all claims are in condition for allowance. Early action to that end is respectfully requested. The Examiner is hereby invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if there are any questions concerning this amendment or application.

Respectfully submitted,

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